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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Give ear, O Shepherd, You who have led Your people time and again through hardship and calamity. You who sit enthroned in the heavens, stir up Your might and come save Your people suffering at the hands of their enemies.

Restore the people of Ukraine, O God of hosts. Let Your face shine upon them in the darkness of their despair that they may be saved from the onslaught of terror being inflicted upon them.

Feed them no more with the bread of their tears. Nourish them no more with the scorn of their enemies. But extend Your hand of favor upon them that their lives would be preserved.

Turn Your eyes on them and regard their faithfulness. Let Your hand rest upon those who remain devoted to You.

Then may all experience the immeasurable strength of Your abiding presence and find hope.

In the power of Your name we offer our prayers.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. PERLMUTTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PERLMUTTER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SICK AND TIRED

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I am sick and tired of standing up here to say I am sick and tired. I am tired of reminding my colleagues that we have a gun violence epidemic in this country outside of mass shootings.

We hold moments of silence. We stand up, we sit down, but we do nothing. The mass shooting carried out by a racist white supremacist in Buffalo last weekend was absolutely horrible. I am truly sorry for the victims' families and for the whole community.

But also know, this weekend in Chicago 33 people were shot and five died, and we did nothing. I care both about the people who are killed by guns, whether they are shot alone in a park or next to their neighbors in a supermarket. I see a lot of colleagues expressing outrage about the Buffalo shooting, but outrage means nothing until we start legislating or investing in solutions.

I do not care what the Senate will or won't pass. Let them go on record and show the American people whether they care about their safety or not. Just who and how many have to die before we take action?

PELTON VIP MEMBERSHIPS

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, it is an open secret that Americans are facing serious challenges today. Many of these challenges are Washington-inflicted caused by Democrats' incompetence and radicalism. Absolute chaos on the southern border, unsafe streets, record-high gas prices, rising inflation, a broken supply chain, an ongoing labor shortage, a failing education system, and, of course, a baby formula shortage they knew about for more than a year.

Will this Congress be remembered as the Congress that addressed these issues? Probably not. Instead, this Congress will go down in history as the out-of-touch Congress.

This week, as families scramble to find baby formula, Speaker PELOSI's House decided to add special new perks for Washington lawmakers and staff. One of those perks was a VIP membership to Peloton gyms; paid for by hard-working American taxpayers. What is next, free Jeni's ice cream?

You may be asking: What is Peloton? It is a bike that costs about \$2,000. Not only that, each month you pay a monthly subscription fee to ride your \$2,000 bike. Best of all, it is stationary. They charge you about \$300 to set it up. It is a \$2,000 bike that you pay to use and pay to set up that doesn't go anywhere. What a business.

Speaker PELOSI decided to give everyone in Congress a Peloton gym membership; more specifically, the premier employee benefits package. You know what, she did it without any debate or discussion with any Republicans.

First, they appoint a political committee and don't allow the Republicans to name anybody. Now they decide to use your taxpayer money and never talked to the other side. We were left in the dark. Congress, meaning taxpayers, will pay Peloton \$10,000 up front and \$10 per month per person. In all, this contract could cost taxpayers

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